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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRINCE FAHD FROM SECRETARY

REF: A. STATE 147833; B. JIDDA 4519; C. STATE 141232

1. ON JUNE 24 CHARGE' PRESENTED SECRETARY'S LETTER TO PRINCE FAHD TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD BIN FAISAL. PRINCE SAUD SAID LETTER'S CONTENTS WOULD BE CONVEYED TO PRINCE FAHD AND ALSO TO KING KHALID.
2. AFTER SEVERAL READINGS PRINCE SAUDI REMARKED LETTER DIDN'T SAY VERY MUCH. HE SAID HE WONDERED IF HE WERE CORRECT IN REACHING A PESSIMISTIC CONCLUSION ABOUT THE TALKS, SINCE SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE NOW BETWEEN USG AND MIDDLE EAST LEADERS WITHOUT MORE CLEARLY DEFINING ISSUES OR MOVING THEM TOWARD A SOLUTION.
3. CHARGE'S SAID HE SHOULD NOT REGARD THIS MESSAGE AS IN ANY WAY NEGATIVE. FROM AN ARAB STANDPOINT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE BALANCED ATTENTION WE CONTINUE TO GIVE TO THE INTERESTS OF EGYPT AND SYRIA, AND REMINDED PRINCE THAT THIS WAS JUST WHAT HIS LATE MAJESTY KING FAISAL HAD SO OFTEN URGED THAT WE DO. CHARGE' POINTED OUT ALSO U.S. EXCHANGES SHOULD BE SEEN AS HAVING A BENEFICIAL, CUMULATIVE EFFECT ON THE NEAR EAST CONTEXT, AND THAT IN HIS LATEST SPEECH THE SECRETARY AGAIN PUBLICLY REAFFIRMED OUR DETERMINATION NOT TO ALLOW THE MIDDLE EAST

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PROBLEM TO FALL INTO STALEMATE AND STAGNATION. HE WOULD

SEE THAT PRINCE SAUD RECEIVED SEVERAL COPIES OF THE
SECRETARY'S SPEECH FOR HIS INFORMATION.

4. COMMENT: IN POINT OF FACT THE SAG PROBABLY WOULD NOT
FAVOR THE FORMULATION REPORTED IN PARA TWO REF A WHICH
SPEAKS OF A "SECOND STAGE INTERIM EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI
AGREEMENT FOLLOWED BY FURTHER EFFORTS ON THE SYRIAN
FRONT." SAUDI WOULD WANT THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT
LINKED TO AN AGREEMENT TO BE IMPLEMENTED SUBSEQUENTLY (IF NOT
SIMULTANEOUSLY) ON THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONT.
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